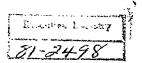
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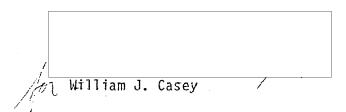
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Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Cuba/Nicaragua/Latin America Estimates

- l. As I mentioned to you yesterday, I would like you to review how and why the estimates on Cuba and Latin America beginning early in 1980 until June, 1981 were altered as successive drafts were created. The first of these drafts was right on target at the time and the process by which it was revised and held up until the edition of the first draft had become a reality is something I think we should analyze for what we can learn in order to do better in the future from this experience.
- 2. Also, here is a Nicaraguan paper of 2 May 1979. I would like to know how this and any earlier estimates and subsequent estimates relates to the picture as it has emerged to date in Nicaragua.
- 3. Also, to what extent the Central America estimate which was put out in August shapes up against what we see to be happening in Nicaragua now, and is a further estimate called for at this time?



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